

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figure 9A has been amended to replace the label “60c” on the right side of the figure with a label “60d.”

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Of claims 1-15 which were pending in the application, claims 1 and 2 were rejected in the Office Action. Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 14 and 15 and the positive indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-13. Applicants have canceled claims 2 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer and have amended claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, and 15. The amendment to allowed claim 15 fixed a typographical error, *i.e.*, a semi-colon (“;”) after “comprising” was replaced with the standard colon (“:”).

1. Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the Specification “because of the following informalities: ‘back surface 40b’ in Page 22, lines 12, 15, 23 should be written as --front surface 40b--[.]” Applicants submit that this objection is now moot as a result of the amendments made herein to the specification. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

2. Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to Figure 9A “because reference character ‘60C’ in Fig. 9A has been used to designate both different sections of the fuse 60.” By way of the amendments made herein to Figure 9A, the “60c” appearing on the right side of the figure has been replaced with a “60d.” Support for this change is clearly provided in related Figure 9B. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this objection is now moot and, therefore, should be withdrawn.

3. Rejection of Claims 1 and 2

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious when considering U.S. Patent No. 6,198,184 (“Ohi”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,606,232 (“Harlan”). For the following reasons, this rejection is now moot and, therefore, should be withdrawn.

In response to the Examiner’s positive indication of allowable subject matter in claim 3, Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite the limitations of claim 3, including those of intervening claim 2. Applicants note that claim 3, as filed, contained an inadvertent clause after the period (“.”) in the claim, *i.e.*, claim 3 originally recited (with italic emphasis added):

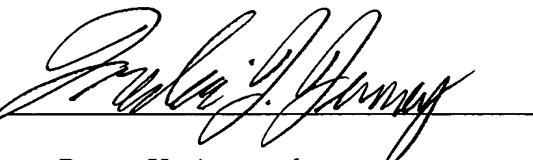
3. (original) The brushless motor as claimed in claim 2, wherein the other end portion of the fuse member is inserted into a through hole formed on the printed wiring board, the other end portion of the fuse member being soldered with the wiring pattern formed on a back of a surface of the printed wiring board which is opposite to the wiring metal piece.
which switching devices are installed.

This italicized language was inadvertently cut-and-pasted from claim 4. Accordingly, claim 1 was amended to include all of the limitations of claim 3 (including the limitations of intervening claim 2), except the italicized language. In amending claim 1 to contain the subject matter of claim 3 which the Examiner indicated was allowable, Applicants correspondingly canceled claims 2 and 3, without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result, Applicants submit that the rejection of claim 1 is now moot and, therefore, should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the aforementioned reasons, claims 1 and 4-15 are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such communication would expedite the prosecution of the application.

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